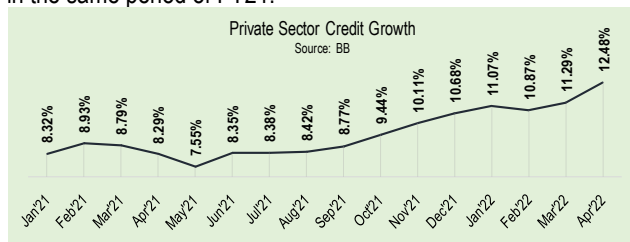


Repo rate hiked to rein in inflation

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has re-fixed repurchase agreement (repo) rate upwards by 25 basis points than the earlier levels, in order to control inflation. The repo rate is the rate at which the BB lends money to commercial banks in the time of need. The newly fixed repo rate is 5% while reverse repo rate remain unchanged at which BB borrows from banks at 4%. The new rates came in to effect from 29 May 2022. Experts opine that the adjustment in policy rate hardly has impact on the market as there is a cap on lending and deposit rate at 9% and 6% respectively. Meanwhile, the central bank devalued the inter-bank exchange rate by Tk1.10 to Tk89 per USD on 30 May 2022. Economists have viewed that the fall of the local currency against the dollar will help exporters and remitters but it will fuel inflation further by increasing the cost of imported goods. As per the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), the point-to-point inflation stood at 6.29% in April this year, hitting a 18-month high after October 2020.

Private sector credit growth hits 3-year high

Credit disbursement to the private sector rebounded and reached a three year high in April with signs of acceleration of economic recovery. The credit disbursement rose to 12.48% in April 2022 from 11.29% a month ago, as per the Bangladesh Bank (BB) statistics. However, the growth rate was 2.23 percentage points lower than the monetary target set at 14.8% for the FY2021-22. The growth rate in April 2022 was the highest after the growth rate of 12.54% in February 2019. In April 2021, private sector credit growth nosedived to 8.28% against the backdrop of the dawdling economic activities due to the prolonged lockdown amid the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic. As a result of the pandemic-induced sluggish economic activities, credit growth registered a historic low of 7.55% in May 2021, which turned upward in June 2021 (8.35%) and maintained the uptrend till now. The growth saw a big jump in April 2022 mainly due to higher trade financing for settling import-payment obligations and rising credit demand amid business expansion in the post-pandemic recovery period. As per the central bank figures, import payments grew by 43.84% to US\$61.52b in the first nine months of FY22 against US\$42.77b in the same period of FY21.

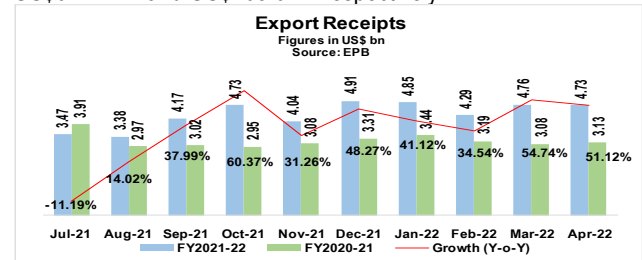


Revenue falls short Tk323.9b of target

According to latest figures from the National Board of Revenue (NBR), collection in the July-April period of FY2021-22 was Tk2276.41b, registering a growth of 15.21% (Y-o-Y) from Tk1975.84b in the same period of the last fiscal year. However, total tax receipts fell short of target set for the ten month period by Tk323.90b. Among the three wings of NBR, VAT collection was the highest at Tk848.95b followed by customs duty collection of Tk730.60b and income tax collection at Tk696.85b. Revenue collection grew by 19.21% (Y-o-Y) in the FY2020-21. According to the NBR statistics, taxmen managed to bag Tk2.60 trillion in FY2020-21 against Tk2.18 trillion in the past fiscal year.

Export earnings rise by 35.14% in Jul-Apr

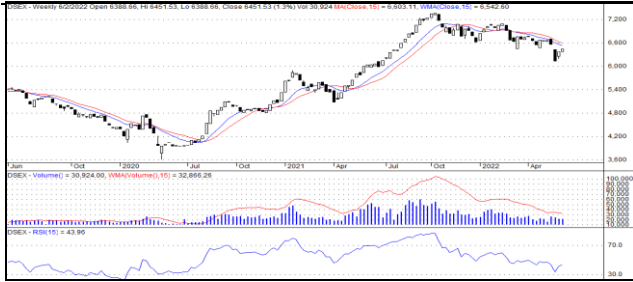
Export earnings experienced an upward trajectory with a 35.14% (Y-o-Y) growth in the July to April period of the current fiscal year, as usual riding on the promising performance of the Readymade Garment (RMG). Export earnings have maintained a robust growth since the beginning of the FY2021-22. Earnings hit an all-time high of US\$4.9b in December last year and the momentum continued in the subsequent months. With the improvement of the Covid-19 situation worldwide, the global apparel supply chain is also recovering fast. As a result, exports from Bangladesh are growing at a faster clip. According to the recent release from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), exporters fetched US\$43.34b in the first ten months of FY22 against US\$32.07b in the corresponding period of last fiscal year. The EPB data showed that the export earnings in April 2022 increased by 51.12% to US\$4.73b against US\$3.13b fetched during the corresponding month of the last year. During the July to April period, apparel shipment surged by 36% (Y-o-Y) to US\$35.36b from US\$26b a year earlier. Of the total RMG exports, earnings from knitwear shot up by 37.43% (Y-o-Y) to US\$19.24b, whereas woven garments rose by 34.33% (Y-o-Y) to US\$16.12b throughout the last ten months. Meanwhile, home textiles sector was placed at the second position in earning foreign currency and registering 38.99% (Y-o-Y) growth to US\$1.33b. Export receipts from leather and leather goods in July-April period of FY2021-22 grew by 32.73% (Y-o-Y) to US\$1.01b from US\$760.92m in the same period of the past fiscal year. Export earnings from agricultural goods, engineering products and frozen and live fish stood at US\$1.04b, US\$674.11m and US\$463.62m respectively.



BB on dollar selling spree

Bangladeshi Taka (BDT) depreciated against the US Dollar in spite of repeated intervention by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) due to higher demand for the greenback to settle import payments. Dollar was quoted at Tk89.90 in the interbank market while the exchange rate for the US Dollar in the informal *kerb* market was about Tk100 to Tk102, as per BB. The central bank had managed to keep the market stable by buying greenbacks continuously throughout 2020 and in the first half of 2021. In the FY2020-21, BB bought a total of US\$8b from the commercial banks, which is registered as a record purchase ever. Meanwhile, BB switched gears after August 2021 as the demand for foreign exchange surged in keeping with the trade and business recovery. The continued rally of the greenback prompted the central bank to change course from buying to selling mode in order to help the forex market handle the sudden growth. The recent statistics revealed that BB has so far sold around US\$6.07b in the current fiscal year from the reserve directly to the commercial banks. Meanwhile, to restore stability in the foreign exchange market BB has decided not to fix the exchange rate of the US dollars, allowing the market to set the price based on demand and supply.

Stock Market Movement



Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	↓ 4,108.54	4,158.24	-1.20
FTSE 100	↓ 7,532.95	7,585.46	-0.69
Nikkei 225	↑ 27,761.57	26,781.68	3.66
SENSEX	↑ 55,769.23	54,884.66	1.61
KSE 100	↓ 41,314.88	42,861.45	-3.61

DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	↑ 6,451.53	6,237.98	3.42
Total Turnover, Tk	↑ 39,261,246,941	30,542,359,120	28.55
Market Capital, Tk	↑ 4,532,506,685,647	4,411,443,526,902	2.74
No of Issue Gain	356	20	
No of Issue Loss	22	360	
No of Unchanged Issues	9	6	

Top Gainers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
Rahima Food	224.90	296.90	32.01	255,642,000
Ring Shine Textiles	8.90	11.30	26.97	417,561,000
Aramit Cement	24.90	31.50	26.51	35,872,000
Paper Processing	166.60	210.40	26.29	201,357,000
Sonar Bangla Ins.	41.50	52.30	26.02	55,917,000
Gemini Sea Food	296.40	370.80	25.10	269,400,000
Tamijuddin Textile	179.80	220.80	22.80	80,808,000
Eastern Lubricants	1401.20	1711.90	22.17	37,446,000
BDCOM Online	28.50	34.60	21.40	384,746,000
WMSHIPYARD	10.50	12.60	20.00	147,479,000

Top Losers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
EXIM Bank	12.10	11.20	-7.44	33,974,000
SJIBLPBOND	4401.0	4150.50	-5.69	25,000
SALAMCRST	31.90	30.40	-4.70	138,444,000
Beacon Pharma	294.50	285.60	-3.02	105,458,000
Shahjibazar Power	78.80	76.50	-2.92	127,037,000
Sonali Paper	567.60	554.40	-2.33	135,977,000
Crown Cement	67.80	66.30	-2.21	1,272,000
Beach Hatchery	38.90	38.10	-2.06	30,134,000
PBLPBOND	4800.0	4704.00	-2.00	19,000
IBBLPBOND	1011.0	991.00	-1.98	1,611,000

Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	460.41	449.76	2.37	2,522.35	2,731.00	-7.64
Cement	374.31	368.69	1.52	549.51	422.95	29.92
Ceramic	816.01	756.69	7.84	1,055.12	1,314.24	-19.72
Engineering	6,871.16	6,725.16	2.17	2,951.31	2,090.87	41.15
Food & Al.	5,147.44	4,965.99	3.65	2,941.20	1,815.89	61.97
Fuel & Pow.	4,066.26	3,991.01	1.89	1,411.45	1,046.21	34.91
Insurance	2,383.61	2,197.66	8.46	2,482.54	1,959.54	26.69
IT	543.25	499.54	8.75	1,715.18	878.96	95.14
Jute	1,084.15	994.67	9.00	41.95	12.15	245.38
Misc.	2,730.85	2,686.80	1.64	4,822.43	4,588.23	5.10
Mutual Fund	479.89	463.45	3.55	292.95	223.31	31.18
NBFI	1,264.41	1,203.76	5.04	4,084.60	2,960.25	37.98
Paper	11,078.80	10,877.16	1.85	507.71	424.63	19.56
Pharma	1,654.92	1,615.99	2.41	5,531.75	3,752.12	47.43
Service	1,687.79	1,565.45	7.82	736.83	520.11	41.67
Tannery	1,224.39	1,191.17	2.79	819.86	832.34	-1.50
Telecom	3,958.99	3,926.12	0.84	383.45	341.25	12.37
Textile	1,832.04	1,722.56	6.36	4,404.46	2,288.54	92.46
Travel & Leis.	664.14	630.65	5.31	521.61	370.34	40.85

Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks ended four-week losing streak last week riding on investors increased participation in transactions. All its five trading sessions ended higher. In line with the surge in the key index of DSE, two other indices-DS30 and DSE Shariah Index (DSES) also ended higher. Among the major sectors, Insurance increased by 8.46% followed by Ceramic 7.84%, Textile 6.36%, NBFI 5.04% and Food and Allied 3.65%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 6,451.53 points after increasing by 213.55 points or 3.42% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk39261.25m, which was 28.55% higher than the previous week. Market capitalization increased by 2.74% and stood at Tk4532.51b (\$50.87b) at the weekend against Tk4411.44b. DSE 30 increased by 48.29 points or 2.09% and closed at 2,355.68 points against 2,307.39 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 14.55 which was 14.29 previous week.

Based on the daily charts of DSE movement, which is used to track short-term trend, technical readings are as under:

Relative Strength Index (RSI)

The RSI indicator illustrates if the change of price movements is in overbought or oversold territory. RSI stood at 43.96

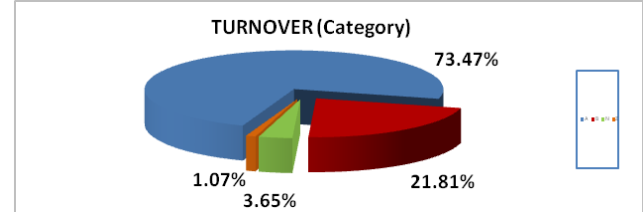
Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
BEXIMCO	19,169,904	2,594,709,000	6.61
IPDC	25,930,939	1,404,643,000	3.58
Orion Pharma	13,133,456	1,226,926,000	3.13
GSP Finance	32,025,158	1,068,675,000	2.72
BSC	7,939,440	949,496,000	2.42
JMI Hospital Requisite	11,573,698	917,160,000	2.34

Top 10 Market Capital

Company	Market Capital (In million)
GP	145,330
Walton Hi-Tech	130,386
BATBC	118,128
Square Pharma	84,432
Robi	82,516
United Power	145,330
RENATA	130,386
Beximco	118,128
LafargeHolcim	84,432
ICB	82,516

Category wise Turnover



Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t oz.)	1,853.90	1,857.30	-0.18
Silver (USD/t oz.)	21.94	22.14	-0.88
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	121.27	115.45	5.04

Exchange Rate

Currency	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	89.10	89.15	87.98	88.00	1.27	1.31
EUR	96.95	96.91	96.27	96.32	0.71	0.61
GBP	113.45	113.51	113.21	113.28	0.21	0.20
AUD	64.20	64.23	63.30	63.34	1.42	1.41
JPY	0.69	0.69	0.70	0.70	-1.43	-1.43
CAD	70.69	70.73	69.47	69.51	1.76	1.76
SAR	23.88	23.89	23.56	23.58	1.36	1.31

Based on Standard Chartered selling rates to public in Taka. Notes: USD-US Dollar, GBP-Great Britain Pound, AUD-Australian Dollar, JPY-Japanese Yen, CAD-Canadian Dollar, SAR-Saudi Riyal.

Last Public Offerings

Company	Subscription Period	Offer Price	IPO (M.Tk)
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